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A needlestick prevention device is presented for an injection device (1) having a hollow needle (2) comprising that includes a sheath having with a first member (9) for attachment that attaches to the an injection device, ~~(1) and~~ a second member ~~(10)~~ slidable longitudinally slidable relative to the first member (9) ~~to expose or to cover the needle (2), and~~ a spring means (11) biasing the second member (10) ~~to cover the needle (2).~~ The first and second members ~~(9,10)~~ have an interengaging guide means (13) and locking means lock, which (14), including include a first guide part (23) ~~operative to that~~ allows free longitudinal sliding movement of the second member to slide freely (10) relative to the first member (9), and a second guide part (24) operative on the movement by manual relative rotation of the first and second members, ~~(9,10) and following~~ release of a force, urging urge the second member (10) ~~to expose the needle (2).~~ The spring means (11) urges the second member (10) to cover the needle (2) and to operate the locking means lock (14) to retain the second member (10) covering the needle (2). This allows, so that free movement of the second member moves freely (10) in the first guide part (23), allowing for filling of the syringe (1), to be filled and but then automatically sheathed and locked sheathing and locking when the user simply ~~twists~~ the second member ~~(10) relative to the first (9).~~

ABSTRACT

A needlestick prevention device is presented that includes a sheath with a first member that attaches to an injection device, a second member slidable relative to the first member to expose or cover the needle, and a spring biasing the second member to cover the needle. The first and second members have an interengaging guide and lock, which include a first guide part that allows the second member to slide freely, and a second guide part operative on the relative rotation of the first and second members, and following release of a force, urge the second member to expose the needle. The spring urges the second member to operate the lock to retain the second member covering the needle, so that the second member moves freely in the first guide part, allowing the syringe to be filled and automatically sheathed and locked when the user twists the second member.